

REMARKS

The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to the above-identified Office Action. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment and support for the claims as amended may be found throughout the specification and drawings as originally filed. Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 26 and 27 with appreciation. In response to the present rejections, Applicant has amended claims 20 and 21 to include the limitations of claims 2 and 15, respectively, for the purpose of putting the remaining claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the foregoing amendments.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,628,582 to Leopold.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2 such that claim 20 now describes a terminal plug having a plug body defining a longitudinal slot wherein the longitudinal slot is adapted to receive a screw passing through a flange positioned on the plug body for the purpose of spreading the plug body apart. Applicant submits that this limitation is not disclosed in the cited reference, and as such Applicant respectfully requests that the claim be reconsidered and that this be withdrawn as a basis for rejection.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the '582 reference issued to Leopold.

Applicant has amended claim 21 to include the limitation of now canceled claim 15 such that claim 21 now describes a terminal plug having a flange positioned on a plug body that



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defines a longitudinal slot wherein the flange includes a recess that communicates with the longitudinal slot. This limitation is not taught or suggested by the cited reference, and as such Applicant respectfully requests that the claim be reconsidered and that this reference be withdrawn as the basis for an obviousness rejection.

By this amendment, Applicant submits that the claims of the present invention now embody patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that such action toward these ends be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

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